

### REMARKS

The present application has claims 1-17 pending.

In a October 25, 2010 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner restricted the claimed invention among four allegedly distinct groups:

Group I, claims 1-7, 16 drawn to a catalyst-coated ion-conducting membrane;

Group II, claims 8-10,17, drawn to a membrane-electrode assembly;

Group III, claims 11, 14, drawn to process for producing catalyst-coated ion-conducting membrane; and

Group IV, claims 12, 13, 15, drawn to a process for producing a membrane-electrode assembly.

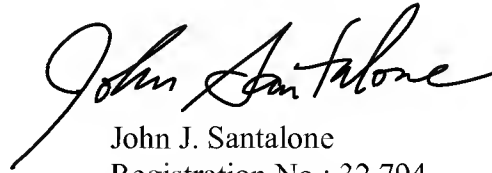
Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's position, in order to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-7 and 16, drawn to a catalyst-coated ion-conducting membrane, to prosecute at the present time in the subject application.

No fee is believed to be required in connection with the filing of this response. If any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 80336.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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